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Re Application of :
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For: DISPERSING AGENT COMPRISING VINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER
HAVING CONJUGATED DOUBLE BONDS IN ITS MOLECULE

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith references of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which he may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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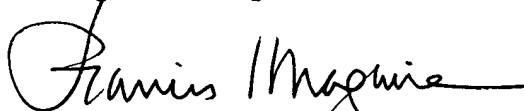
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Two of the enclosed documents are translations in part of the foreign patent documents JP-A-8-283313 and JP-A-8-269112 that were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 26, 2004 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the partial translations as well as three other documents (Fabini et al, Ormondroyd and Smallwood) for the Examiner to initial and return to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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